

"BITS and PIECES"



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E-mail: rallen@leclaireiowa.gov Please feel free to call City Hall and leave a message for either myself or the particular council member that you wish to speak to. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Amy Blair [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1151

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LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

The LeClaire Information Center is open at its new location – 117 South Cody Road. Fri., July 7, 5:30-8pm: First Friday in downtown LeClaire. Sat., July 15: Twilight Riverboat Sightseeing Cruises, 11am 1pm 3pm, www.riverboattwilight.com for advance tickets. Find details on LeClaire events at: www.visitleclaire.com/events.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The "Community Food Pantry" is located at the Hope Church, 709 Wisconsin Street, in the basement of the church. Food Pantry serves all those in the LeClaire, Princeton, Panorama Park, Pleasant Valley, and the McCausland area. For more information please contact: Linda: (563) 289-3629, Lou (563) 225-2121; or Clarice at (563) 289-9028.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The LeClaire Board of Adjustment, the LeClaire Tourism Board, LeClaire Planning & Zoning Commission, LeClaire Park & Rec Commission, I.T. Committee, and the LeClaire Library Board of Trustees are accepting applications. If you would like to be considered for volunteer service on any of these Committees/Boards, you must submit a completed application form. The application form may be obtained from City Hall during regular business hours, or on the City's website.

CIVIC CLUB NEWS

The monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday July 25th at 7 pm. We will have desserts at 6:30 instead of a potluck. Look for us in August during Tug Fest at the pavilion playing Bingo. Cash prizes. Hope to see you! We will host a Tug Fest Breakfast on August 12th. We need members to sign up to volunteer to help with Bingo and the breakfast. We are still accepting membership renewals and as always, looking for new members. Looking ahead, we plan to have a rib-eye dinner September 9th and a chili supper October 14th. Visit our web site for more information www.leclairecivicclub.org.

SENIOR UTILITY NOTICE

All seniors who are eligible for the senior discount need to submit proof of income for the year 2016 by May 15, 2017 to stay on the senior rate. This proof can be in the form of a SSA-1099 or an income tax form. The income level requirements for 2016 are \$18,090 for a single resident or \$24,360 for a married resident. Please remember if you have anyone living with you that is under 65 you will not be eligible for this discount. Thank you.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

July 2017

Recycling and Garbage days for July (in yellow) are July 6th & 7th and July 19th & 20th. Garbage only days in July (in blue) are July 12th & 13th and July 26th & July 27th.

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*One Large Item Curb-side is July 12th for those residents whose garbage is picked up on Wednesday, and July 13th for those on Thursday. Please put your one large item next to your toters.

Please do not put Yard Waste in your Garbage or Recycling toters. Allied Waste/Republic Services offers a Yard Waste Program, from April 1st thru November 30th. The cost is \$130.00. To enroll in this program please call Republic Services at (563) 332-0050.

Please put your toters at least three feet apart to allow the Republic drivers to maneuver their truck's mechanical arm to raise and lower your garbage toters.

SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS

Swimming Pool "Enclosure" Requirements Changed - Before all of the neighborhood kids take that first "dip" in the old back yard pool this summer make sure that your pool is safe and that it meets the requirements for fencing and enclosures that are now in effect. The biggest change includes the need for Enclosures are needed for those very popular "temporary, inflatable" pools **THAT ARE NOT CONTINUOUSLY MONITORED BY AN ADULT AND THAT ARE NOT COVERED HOT TUBS AND SPAS**. Please call for a copy of the detailed ordinance if you have any questions at all. The Police Department will be closely monitoring this matter as a significant public safety issue and will be stopping by and knocking on your door or calling you if they see any problems. Thanks for your help and cooperation in protecting all the neighborhood kids!!

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT INFORMATION & CONTACT HELP LINE!!

(563)-289-4242 (Ext. 1502)

"BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION ...
BY PREVENTING WATER POLLUTION!"



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT "EMERGENCY CONTACT"

We want to remind everyone that the city's PWD can be reached 24/7/365 by dialing **289-4242 and pressing 3 & 1500**. This will put you directly into the PWD emergency contact voice mail box where you can leave a message which will be automatically relayed to City personnel.

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Library Closing Reminder: The Library will be closed July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Regular library hours will resume Wednesday, July 5th. **Summer Reading Program:** Help the LeClaire Library *Build a Better World!* This program is for all ages - yes, adults too! In addition to the reading challenge, join us for a number of fun activities and programs throughout the summer. June 5th – July 15th! **Adult Services:** **Jerry Barlow-Celtic Fingerstyle Guitarist:** Acclaimed guitarist Jerry Barlow is a virtuoso musician and a world-class storyteller. You won't want to miss this performance! July 8th at 11am. **NovelList 101 with Amy Fry:** Are you looking for something new in your favorite genre? Trying to find books in your child's Lexile range? Read everything by your favorite author and now you want to find something with a similar writing style? Join Amy as she walks you through this amazing FREE library database! July 10th at 6pm.

Senior Outreach: Off-site Checkout—The LeClaire Library will be partnering with the Milestones Senior Meal Center to provide off-site item checkout! Checkout will be available the last Wednesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church. July 26th at 11:45am. **Adult Book Club**—This month we'll be reading *The Widower's Tale* by Julia Glass. Books are available at the library's circulation counter free of cost AND are now available as an eBook through our RiverShare Digital Library Catalog. July 26th at 6:30pm. **Drop-In Tech Help**—Bring in any device and we will give it a shot! Please arrive with passwords needed to access your device or accounts. July 28th at 2pm. **YA Services: Sew Cool**—Have you ever wanted to learn how to sew? Now is your chance! Come check out the latest Tinker Lab station and learn how to sew using a machine and your hands. Drop in throughout the month to see a T-Shirt quilt progress with Karen, a Friend of the Library. Join us on Wednesday, July 12th from 1:30-3:00pm. **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**—Help plan cool events, request new library materials, eat snacks, and get the inside scoop on what's happening at the library! Don't forget—your attendance earns you service learning hours and looks great on college applications! For 7th grade & up. Join us on Thursday, July 20th from 4:30-5:30pm. **Children's Services: Lego Club**—Robots? Aliens? Flying cars? Find out what building challenge is waiting for you at LEGO Club! This program is best for children aged 7 and up; younger children are invited to build with DUPLO blocks in the storytime area. Join us Mondays July 3rd & 17th at 10:30-11:30am. **Crafternoon**—Make a new craft every week at the library! This drop-in program is fun for all ages. Join us every Wednesday in July from 3:00-4:00pm. **Mini Makers**—Come to an experience-based toddler art program to listen to a story, play, create, & grow with a variety of fun materials. Best for ages 10 months-3 years, though all are welcome. Join us every Thursday morning in July at 10:30am.

Jumpstart Kindergarten—Is your little one going into kindergarten? Drop in on this fun, self-guided workshop to practice important kindergarten readiness skills! Every Thursday in July from 3:30-5:30pm. **Storytime in the Park**—Join us for this special outdoor storytime at Hollyhock Park! Raining? Come to the library instead. Join us Saturday, July 8th & 29th at 10:30am. **Babaloo**—Celebrate finishing up the Summer Reading Program with a high energy children’s musician! Dance and enjoy a special treat during this end-of-summer show. Join us Tuesday, July 11th at 6:30pm. **Junior Explorers**—Explore a new science theme each month at the library—July’s theme is Engineering! Come in for a fun storytime and hands-on exploratory stations. This program will take the place of Family Storytime and is best for children aged 3-7. Join us on Tuesday, July 18th at 6:30pm.

NOTICE: WEED ABATEMENT LAW

As of April 1st the City begins to implement the weed abatement process. Notices are being published in this publication and in the Quad City Times advising the property owners of their duty and responsibility to keep their property, (and that area between the street driving surface and the property line) free of weeds and other plant growth. **THERE WILL BE NO OTHER NOTICES!!** If a weed problem is found to exist the City will abate the problem and assess the costs accordingly to the property. The charges for abating weed nuisances will be **First Violation**-First Worker \$100.00/Hr.; Each Additional Worker \$50.00/Hr. **Second Violation**-First Worker \$200.00/Hr., Each Additional Worker \$100.00/Hr. **Third & Subsequent Violations**-First Worker \$400.00/Hr., Each Additional Worker \$200.00/Hr., or if a contractor is used, the charge will be the contracted amount plus 25%. What constitutes a "weed nuisance"? Following is the definition established by law: In all areas of the City, any noxious weeds or vegetation, as defined by the Code of Iowa, are deemed to be nuisances, as well as any dense growth of weeds, vines, brush, or other similar vegetation which are reasonably believed to be constituting a public safety, health, or fire hazard. In any developed area within the City or within one hundred feet (100') of any developed area within the City, any weeds, vegetation, vines, brush, or other growth which exceeds ten inches (10") in height shall be deemed a nuisance. In all other areas of the City, any weeds, vegetation, vines, brush, or other growth which exceeds two feet (2') in height shall be deemed a nuisance. Natural areas, including but not limited to waterways, or farmland may exceed these established height limitations. Please review this material again and if you have any questions, call City Hall at any time.

AVOID THE DRAIN PAIN



Just because the package says flushable doesn’t mean it’s true. **Many items marketed as disposable and/or flushable do not degrade like toilet paper and they wind up clogging pipes, tangling pumps** and causing messy sewer backups into streets, homes and businesses. Our sewers are designed to dispose of very specific things. Using your toilet for disposal of many modern products can result in blockages. The drains that connect your home to the main sewer are only big enough to carry water, toilet paper and human waste. Private sewer lines are often no wider than 4 inches. Other than creating clogs in sewer pipes and pumps, trash must be removed from the waste water as part of the reclamation treatment process. This is an expensive operation. Excessive debris in waste water sewers has become epidemic globally.

WHAT NOT FLUSH

- Baby and adult wipes, moist wipes, disinfectant wipes, all of those labeled as “flushable
- Facial tissues, cotton balls, cotton swabs, Band-Aids
- Any cloth items
- Diapers (cloth, disposable, and those labeled flushable)
- Toilet bowl scrub pads, Swiffer’s, dryer sheets
- Egg shells, coffee grounds, food, chewing gum
- Hair
- Vitamins, medicines, and other pharmaceuticals, cosmetics
- Napkins, Paper towels
- Dental Floss
- Cat Litter

- Fats, Oil, and grease
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms
- Fish, hamsters, gerbils
- Cigarette butts
- Plastic of any kind
- Any non-organic materials

THE “FLUSHABILITY” TEST:

Take two bowls of water. Place toilet paper in one and place the item in question in the other. Swish both items in the water. Wait about an hour, and then swish again. The toilet paper should have significantly disintegrated by then while the other item (for example, wipes, napkins, dental floss) will likely remain intact. Unless the item disintegrates at the rate of toilet paper, it should be placed in the garbage and not down the toilet. You otherwise risk blockage in your home as well as clogging a main sewer line or pump station causing a sewage backup for other homes and businesses. If it can’t be reused, recycled or composted, please place it in the garbage. If you have questions about what is OK to flush, please call 563 289 4242. Select #3 for the Public Works Department then select #2 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 in observance of Independence Day. The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, July 12, 2017. They can be sent via email to Bits@leclaireiowa.gov, or by fax to (563) 289-6010, by U.S. mail, or hand delivered.



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 POLICE 911
 FIRE 911
 AMBULANCE 911
 POLICE NON-EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE 388-3904
 POLICE NON-EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE 289-4242